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 Michiyo FUJIKAWA *et al.* : Confirmation No. 1556  
 U.S. Patent Application No. 10/663,432 : Group Art Unit: 1771  
 Filed: September 15, 2003 : Examiner: Lydia Salvatore

For: **ABSORBENT COMPOSITE SHEET AND ABSORBENT ARTICLE USING THE SAME**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

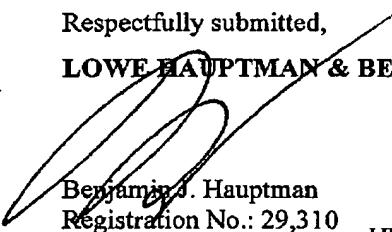
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, which was made Final. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.